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SUBJECT: MBFR: CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE

FOLLOWING CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE ON EVANS AND NOVAK ARTICLE (ENTITLED "MORE FALLOUT (FROM BONN) ON THE NEUTRON DECISION" IN JUNE 29 WASHINGTON POST) WAS PROVIDED TO STATE AND DOD SPOKESMEN TODAY. ARTICLE IS BEING CARRIED IN ICA EUROPEAN WIRELESS FILE FOR JUNE 29. THESE QS AND
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AS WERE NOT USED AT EITHER STATE OR DEFENSE BRIEFINGS TODAY.

Q. WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO THE EVANS AND NOVAK ARTICLE TODAY?

A. AS STATED IN THE ARTICLE, WE ARE FIRMLY COMMITTED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF PARITY AND COLLECTIVITY AS AN OUTCOME

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FOR MBFR.

Q. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE RECENT EASTERN PROPOSAL?

A. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE EASTERN PROPOSAL WAS IN RESPONSE TO A MAJOR NEGOTIATING INITIATIVE TAKEN BY THE WESTERN SIDE IN APRIL. WHILE WE WELCOME THE EASTERN RESPONSE AS A SIGN OF SERIOUS INTEREST IN GETTING THE VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS

MOVING, THEIR RESPONSE CONTINUES TO POSE MAJOR PROBLEMS PARTICULARLY IN REGARD TO ITS FAILURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE LARGE DISPARITY OF FORCES IN THE AREA AND ON THE COLLECTIVITY ISSUE.

(IF ASKED TO SUMMARIZE THE WESTERN INITIATIVE):

THE WESTERN INITIATIVE LAST APRIL WAS AN ATTEMPT TO GET THE TALKS MOVING BY MEETING TWO LONGSTANDING EASTERN CONCERNS WITHOUT SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTING WESTERN SECURITY INTERESTS IN THE TALKS. SPECIFICALLY, THE WESTERN INITIATIVE CONCERNED THE COMPOSITION OF PHASE I SOVIET REDUCTIONS, AND PHASE I COMMITMENTS REGARDING THE AMOUNT AND TIMING OF PHASE II REDUCTIONS BY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS. THE WEST CONTINUES TO STRESS THE NECESSITY OF AGREEMENT ON DATA. VANCE

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